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1. BLUMENTHAL VISIT; FURTHER TO CONSIDERATIONS CONCERNING NIMETZ VISIT IN LAST O-I, MY FRIEND THE POLISH AMBASSADOR ASKED ME AT RECEPTION MAY 17 IF IT WERE TRUE THAT BLUMENTHAL WILL VISIT ROMANIA AT END OF JUNE, AS HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT DAY BY RCP "POLITBURO" MEMBER. ASKED WHETHER HE WAS NOT THINKING OF NIMETZ, HE PULLED PIECE OF PAPER WITH "BLUMENTHAL" WRITTEN ON IT FROM HIS POCKET AND SAID NO. WE WOULD OF COURSE ALSO BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE BLUMENTHAL IN BUCHAREST, BUT WITH PROSPECTS FOR HIGH-LEVEL VISITS PILING UP IN THIS FASHION, EARLY WARNING BECOMES EVEN MORE IMPORTANT. YOU MAY WISH TO CHECK WITH PETER BRIDGES, IF HE IS STILL IN PLACE AT TREASURY.

2. EARTHQUAKE ASSISTANCE. ACCORDING TO MFT U.S. DESK OFFICER NEAGU, WHO SAYS HE IS ACTION OFFICER FOR SECOND AID TRANCHE, HE WILL GIVE US GOR LIST OF EQUIPMENT TO BE BOUGHT WITH \$13 MILLION ON FRIDAY, MAY 19, DURING 0900 MEETING. NEAGU MAY ALSO PROVIDE DETAILS ON PROCUREMENT TEAM GOR MAY WISH TO SEND TO WASHINGTON AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK, THOUGH WE RECOGNIZE THIS IS PROBABLY TOO EARLY
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FOR AID TO RECEIVE THEM EFFECTIVELY.

3. POWDERED MILK. I TALKED TO BOGDAN ABOUT PROBLEM, WHICH HE UNDERSTANDS, AND WILL BE GETTING SOMETHING OUT AS SOON AS HE HAS CHECKED FEASIBILITY OF GIVING US SOMETHING IN WRITING.
AGGREY

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